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I. How to make haire to grow.

Take halfe a pound of *Aqua Mellis*, in the ſpring time of the yeare, warme a little of it every morning when you riſe in a ſauſer or ſuch a thing; and tye a little ſpunge to a fine Box Combe, and dip it in the ſaide water; and therewith moiſten the very rootes of your haire in combing it, and it will grow long thick and curled in a very ſhort ſpace.

II. how to write letters either Blacke, Blew, Red, or Green, without Pen or Inke.

Take the aſhes of burned paper, with a little Sallet-oile, and mingle it like a thick Ointment; then take paper, warme it a little by the fire, and annoint it over with the foreſaid Ointment, and when you would write lay this anointed ſide of your Paper upon a cleane ſheete of Paper: then take a peece of any ſtrong wire; or a little ſticke ſmooth and ſmall at the end: then write therewith upon the ſaid Paper and it will appeare moſt plainly upon the white Paper. If you would have your letters blew, take Indico, if greene, Verdigreace.

III How to write letters of ſecrets ſeverall wayes that can be read by none without this inſtruction following.

Take fine Allom, beat it ſmall, and put a reaſonable quantity of it into a little water, then write with the ſaid water, the which writing cannot be read, but by ſteeping your Paper afterwards in faire water.

You may likewiſe write with Vinegar or Joyce of a Lemon, or of an Onyon; then when you would read the ſame, you muſt heat your Paper againſt the fire.

Moreover, if you will anoynt a piece of Paper with Candle-greace, and lay it upon an other white Paper, then write thereon, next open your Paper aſunder, and ſtrew a little Powder upon your Paper, and whatſoever colour your Powder be of, your writing will appeare of the ſame colour.

How

IV. How any that in necessity are troubled with Lice, or any other Vermin, may destroy them suddenly.

Take Laurell Oyle halfe an ounce, three penny worth of Quick ilver, mingle them well, and anoynt therewith the places where ou have most Vermin, and you shall be suddenly cleare from all uch things.

V. How to make a Horse to have a good Hoof.

Take Cowdung and Chimnysoot, mingle them, heat them, and pply them to the Horse his hoofs, and bind it on with some cours hing, and it will do the effect.

VI. How to make Wine to be Odoriferous.

Stick a Lemond or an Orange full of Cloaves, then fasten it to he inside of the Barrell insort that it touch not the Wine, then op your Vessell very well, that the Odour go not forth, and it wil e excellent.

VII. *How to make strong Vinegar.*

Take Gooseberries and wilde Mulberries when they are greene, ry them, beat them into Powder, and then make a paste of them ith strong Vinegar, of which you shall make little round Balls, hentake your Wine, and boyle all together, and it will prove ex- ellent good Vinegar.

VIII. *How to make Haire of any colour to become black.*

Take a little Aqua fortis, put therein a groat or six pence, ac- ording to the quantity of the foresaid water, then set both to issolve before the fire. Lastly, dip a little spung in the said water, nd wet your beard or haire therewith, but touch not the skin.

IX. *How to make a Candle burn in water, and endure a long time.*

Take a Candle and stick at the bottom of it as much Lead as wil ake it stand upright in a paile of water and not sink, and the said andle wil endure burning therein a wonderfull long time.

X. *How to keep Wine from sowring.*

Tye a piece of very salt Bacon on the inside of your barrell, so as touch not the Wine, in so doing your Wine will never sowre.

XI. *How to ripen Muscmillions, and such other fruit before their season.*

You must plant them in dry weather, and once every third or ourth day water them with warm water, and so they will be ripe efore their season.

XII. *How to cleare your feet from sweat.*

Take the filings of Pins, otherwaies called Pin-dust, put a little thereof

thereof into your ſhoos or Boots, and it will keep your feet cle
from ſweat.

XIII. *How to take out ſpots of Oyle or Greace.*

Take the Bones of Sheepsfeet, burne them almoſt to aſhes, th
bruiſe them to Powder, and put of it upon your ſpots, and lay
before the Sunne when it ſhines hotteſt; when the Powder becom
black lay on freſh in the place till it ſuck out the ſpots, which
done in very ſhort time:

XIV. *How to keep Meat freſh and ſweet a long time without Salt.*

Put your Meat in Flower, Meale, or Bran, and therein it will ke
freſh and ſweet along time, or elſe caſt beaten Coriander ſeed a
Vinegar on it, and it will doe the ſame.

XV. How to make a Powder that will make good Inke in an inſta

Take Roman Vitrioll, and Coperas, as much of the one as
he other; beat this into Powder, mingle it, and put of it into
little water; and on the preſent it will be very good Inke: likewi
if you ſtrew of the ſame Powder upon white paper and wri
thereon with a little faire water, the letters will appeare preſent
blacke.

XVI How to cure the Ague quartan, tertian, or quotidian.

Firſt take advice of your Doctor; that will be I know to purg
and let bloud: which indeede is a great preparation for obtainin
of health, in all diſeaſes; yet none can preſcribe any certain rule fo
this purpoſe, but ſuch a Doctor as partly knows the conſtitution o
your body, and the nature of your diſeaſe; therefore if your a g
ſticke to you after you have beene under your Doctors hands, ta
litle pieces of Allom, ſcrape and cut them to the faſhion of pills,
let them that are very young, very old, or very weake take three o
theſe Allom pills in three ſpoonfulls of Annis ſeede water; lett
ſtronger ſort take five or ſix, in the ſame manner; this is a remed
whereby I never failed to cure as many as ever I tooke in hand, o
ſerving likewiſe if you can to uſe Cardus benedictus boiled i
poſſet drinke for your ordinary drink; eſpecially when you have
mind to ſweat.

XVII. *How to appeaſe the paine of the Toothach.*

Take a little Cotton and dip it into eſſence of Cloaves which
you may have at the Apothecaries, thruſt the ſayd dipt Cotten in
the hollownesse of your tooth and it wil appeaſe the preſent pain.

How

XVIII. *How to make haire grow where there is none.*

Take Bees and burne them upon a fire ſhovel, or ſuch a thing
n boile the aſhes of the Bees in Sallet oile, then annoint there-
ith the place where you would have haire to grow and you ſhall
ain your wiſh therein in ſhort time.

XIX. *How to make a moſt wholſome and pleaſing meſſe of Broth for a ſicke body though his ſtomacke be ever ſo weake for other things.*

Take the yolkes of two freſh Egges put them in a little pipkin
that purpoſe ſqueeſe therein the joyce of a Lemond or two, then
e a good ladle full of ſome good broth out of an other pot
t boiles, firſt beate the Egges yolks and Lemond joyce very well
gether, then put in the ſayd broth, but let it not be too ſalt by
means, then ſtir all together upon an eaſie fire, and at the firſt
ile thereof take it of and give it the ſick body upon a little bread
cording to your diſcretion.

XX. *How to make ones hands and face ſmoth and faire.*

Take bitter Almonds, ſteep them over night in water, then pill
their skins with your fingers and then beate them very well in
orter with two or three yolks of Egges; uſe this paſte to waſh
ur face and hands often and it willl make your skinne ſmooth
d faire; to weare dogge leather gloves is likewiſe good for that
rpoſe, but eſpeciall any little delicate gloves rub them wel with
me of the ſweeteſt ſmelling Oile before a fire and weare theſe
ves under others a while, there is nothing in the world better
that purpoſe.

I have ſome things extraordinary which I cannot communicate
ny but them that have neede of my helpe, and will make uſe of
. I have written here ſomething to ſatiſfie the curious but I
ſt confeſſe they are but trifles in compariſon of my manuall
erations which I preſume to be as expert in as any man in
rope whatſoever he be, as my approbation of ſome of the beſt
ctors of this age ſhall juſtifie if need requires.

I glory not in knowing or doing much, but in doing well that
le which I undertake, & the things which I undertake are theſe:
Firſt, I pull out hollow Teeth or roots, though ever ſo ſhor,
th wonderfull dexterity, facility, and eaſe.

I make even ſmooth, and plaine Teeth, that are extravagan
ſharper, longer or ruggeder then the reſt.

Hollow Teeth that for ſome reaſon you would not have dra
as the falling in of the cheek, or an invincible apprehenſion or
or the like, I can ſtop them ſo that they ſhall neither ake, put
nor ſmell ill.

I have the beſt ſecret in the World abſolutely and infallibly
make Teeth moſt perfectly white and clean, though they be ev
black or ruſty.

I can ſet in Artificiall Teeth ſo wel that none can poſſibly k
them from naturall ones.

Finally, I cannot chooſe but convince their ignorance tha
againſt drawing hollow Teeth or roots, their common fo
objection is, that I do it more for my own profit then the pati
eaſe. I ſay they may as wel object the ſame againſt all other A
Sciences, or Trades in the world, for it is evident and cleare
the drawing of Teeth from others is as neceſſary for them as
profit is for me, by reaſon that all the Art in the world can
make a periſhed Tooth ſound again, nor hinder it from infec
the next adjoyning teeth in time. Beſides, hollow teeth breed o
a ſtinking breath, a canker in the mouth, and other diſeaſes in
body, and their intolerable aking is able to make a body fall i
a dangerous Feaver; all which inconveniences may be ſhunned
having ſuch teeth and roots neatly drawn. Laſtly, if it be true
it is good to take the broken from the whole, or that one ſcab
ſheep may ſpoyl a whole flock, or that it is good and neceſſar
repaire imperfections of nature with Art; then all that I
ſaid herein is true, and ſo I reſt fully ſatisfied.

I live at preſent in St. Martins *Lane, at the next Belcon
the Signe of the* Anchor *neere* Charingcroſſe, *where
that have need of me, may finde me to give them all re
nable ſatisfaction, God willing.*

Per me LA FOUNTAINE *Opera*

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